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1. We concur in this recommendation.

2. Appendix 1 to these comments is a preliminary staff study on the African coverage gap. The initial FBID budget submission for FY 1956 and 1957 included an amount for the establishment of facilities to monitor North Africa. The sum was deleted since it would properly fall under contingency if action were approved. There has been only marginal interest on the part of the intelligence community, however, in such an operation to date. OCI has expressed interest in one transmitter [redacted] As a result of the survey, the IAC agencies will again be asked for their views and a written statement of interest in monitoring of North Africa and East Africa. The 14 April 1956 deadline seems reasonable. It should be noted that a field survey might be undertaken in any case. The results of field surveys are useful not only in determining whether or not a station should be built but they also provide up-to-date information on the use of radio as a propaganda instrument and the characteristics of area broadcasting.

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